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007 shoe gifts for Charles

Prince Charles picked up two pairs of 'James Bond shoes' for Princes Harry and William during his visit to Northampton on Tuesday.

The Prince spent more than an hour touring the Crockett and Jones shoe factory, in Perry Street, close to the town centre. During his visit, he was

presented with two pairs of £330 shoes which were designed for Daniel Craig to wear in the film, Skyfall.

wear in the Indiana Crockett and Jones director, managing Jonathan Jones, presented the Prince with the gift for his two sons. He said: "The Prince thought it was a very nice idea to take the shoes for the Princes.

"It was also nice that he stopped to talk to so many people in the factory during his tour, they really enjoyed that."

Among the employees the Prince spoke to was

Moulton resident, John Harris, who has worked at Crockett and Jones for 48 years. He said: "The Prince was amazed I've worked here so long, but he seemed very impressed with the factory and what we do. It was lovely to meet

The heir to the throne arrived at Northampton railway station at around 1.45pm on Tuesday.

He was greeted by Lord-Lieutenant of North-amptonshire, Lady Ju-liet Townsend, along with the High Sheriff, John Townsend, and Adrian Lee, Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police.

Outside the shoe factory, children from primary schools, including Cedar Road and Stimpson Avenue, and local residents lined Perry Street to catch a glimpse of the Prince.

He spoke to Denise Campbell, who runs the nearby St Michael's Tot's Group. She said: "Prince

Charles said hello and asked if we were all getting cold. I said it was exciting and fun and we'd been waiting for Prince Charming,"

The Prince also intro-duced himself to Eugeina Boatenj and her sixmonth-old son, Austin. She said: "He asked what my son's name was and he patted his head."

Stimpson schoolchildren, Anna Galliano and Hannah Loryman, said Prince Charles asked them how school was and if they had good

teachers.
The Prince last visited Northampton in 2007, when he toured Upton, which he personally helped to design. His lat-est visit was organised by the Conservative MP for Northampton North, Michael Ellis

He said the Prince's visit would help highlight the prestigious shoe trade in Northampton.



Prince Charles talked to staff as he toured the Crockett & Jones shoe factory in Northampton

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Anglian Water is planning to re-line 90 different sections of sewer including five-and-a-half kilometres of pipes in the

The aim of the work is to protect the ageing brickwork and reduce the potential for the sewer to be blocked.

The project will involve a number of road closures across the town while the work is carried out.

Roads affected include Booth Lane South, Collingtree Road, Kettering Road and Weedon Road.

John Clare, from Anglian Water, said road closures may be needed for safety reasons but this will be done with plenty of notice and access will be maintained for residents and emergency vehicles.

He said: "This is a big job but the hope is that by using the liners we can keep disruption to an absolute minimum.

"While we will need to do some digging to widen manholes and help with survey work, there should be no need for big trenches

"Many of these sewers are between four and six metres underground so digging them up would be hugely disruptive and take a very long time.

"This should be much quicker, cleaner and will still provide Northampton with sewers fit for the 21st century.

Mr Clare said people in individual streets will get a letter before work starts and would be informed of progress

A spokesman from Northamptonshire County Council said: "These are essential works for Northampton, Anglian Water will specify what traffic management measures will be put in place and we will advise on this, and try to avoid closing roads wherever possible. We will also try to co-ordinate with any other road works taking place in the same areas

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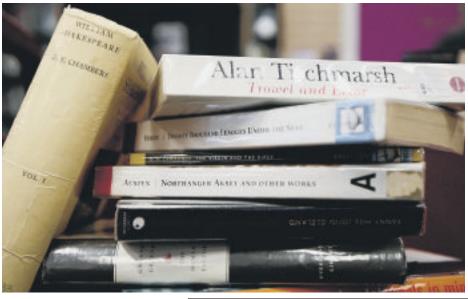
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Northamptonshire County Council has released the list of the least popular books at the county's 36 libraries.

The figures show 2,622 books have not left library shelves in the past two years.

Among them are classics such as Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy and the complete works of Shakespeare, as well as more modern works such as Crystal by former glamour model Jordan and children's books written by Geri Hal-

The council's cabinet member for libraries, Councillor Heather Smith (Con, Prebendal) said: "It could be that some people don't know we have these books and after seeing this list, they'll taken them out. Every so often though, we do have a review of the stock we've got and the less popular books are sold off.

Celebrity authors featured highly on the list. Biographies which remained on the shelves included those by Jonathan Ross, David Beckham, Anne Robinson and Michael Parkinson.

Television chefs were also snubbed with books by Gordon Ramsey, Jamie Oliver, Delia Smith and Ainsley Harriott all listed as un-borrowed.

The availability of low-cost books on the internet has been highlighted as one reason some books may feature on the list, including Glitz by former Northamp-tonshire MP Louise Mensch and Sons of Fortune by Jeffery Archer, which are both available on Amazon for just one

Some of the authors on the list

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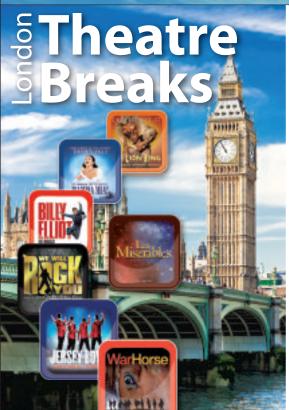
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Mr. Tony Hardiman, Managing the job of bringing the ECO

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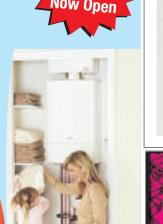
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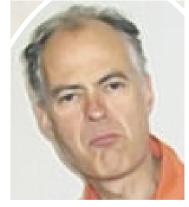












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The pilot who died

Barnes, aged 50, died when the helicopter he was flying hit a crane on a high building, exploded into flames and crashed onto a street in Vauxhall shortly after 8am yesterday.

Andy William-son, the chief executive of The Air Ambulance Service, led tributes to the experienced pilot, who flew for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

He said: "We were deeply saddened to hear the news that Pete Barnes was killed in the helicopter accident in London.

"Pete had worked with us for many years and will be greatly missed.

"Our thoughts are with his family and with all the families affected by this tragedy."

Cpt Barnes also flew for commercial firm Sloane Helicopters, which is based at Sywell

Aerodrome.

Jeremy Awenat, the managing director of the firm, said: "Pete was a highly respected and experienced commercial pilot and he had flown with Sloane on a number of occasions over a period of around 12 years. We don't know exactly what happened on this occasion, but we are naturally very saddened by the news. In a wide-ranging

career spanning 18 years, Cpt Barnes had done everything from fly air ambulances to work as a pilot on adverts,and films, including the James Bond film Die Another Day.





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Disused rail line is decommissioned

A disused railway line which runs through the centre of Northampton has finally been declared non-operational by railway officials.

The line between Brackmills and London Road, in Far Cotton, has not been used for decades.

For a number of years, developers have hoped to build on the route, but their plans were always thwarted because of the chance the line could one day reopen

But Network Rail has now received permission from the Office of Rail Regulation to decommission the line.

The move will pave the way for development in both the Far Cotton and Bedford Road areas and the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) is believed to be planning to buy the former railway line.

The group's chief executive, Peter Mawson, said: "It was confirmed that the rail regulators had given their consent for the line to be taken out of the operational network just before Christmas.

"We are now in negotiations to buy that land."

The railway line was originally used to deliver coal to Northampton's former power station in Nunn Mills Road.



It is planned to move The University of Northampton to the former power station site. Original plans for the university's move included the construction of a new road through the site, with a bridge crossing over the disused railway line.

Now the line has been classed as non-operational, the expensive bridge need not be built. It is also hoped the route of the former line could be used as some sort of 'sustainable transport corridor' in the future.

The decommissioned stretch of line does not include the section which runs around the back of the Nene Valley retail park in Towcester Road, where campaigners have argued a link road to St James should be built.

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Backing for plan to expand county primary schools

Plans to expand 10 primary schools in Northamptonshire to create more than 1,600 new places have been backed by councillors.

The work will see six schools in Northampton expanded, creating 1,140 new places in the town.

The move was backed by members of Northamptonshire County Council's Conservative-controlled cabinet this week, despite concerns from some opposition councillors that the expanded schools could create traffic problems.

Addressing the cabinet, Councillor Marion Minney (Lib Dem, Headlands) said she had real concerns about plans to increase Boothville Primary School from 420 places to 630.

420 places to 630. She said: "There's no evidence Boothville needs all these extra places, so what will happen is the new pupils will come from other areas, probably by car. Parking is already a problem outside the school and another 200 cars will only make it worse."

Across Northampton, the expansion plans will also see Abington Vale Primary School expand from 270 pupils to 420, Bridgewater Primary increase from 420 to 630, Delapre Primary rise from 420 to 630, Spring Lane Primary go up from 270 to 420 and St Andrew's Primary grow from 210 to 420.

Other schools will also be expanded in Kettering and Wellingborough.

The county council has said the schools need to be made bigger because of the number of people now applying to get their children into primary schools in the county, particularly in Northampton. The authority has predicted the pressure will mean an extra 6,000 places will be needed by September 2015.

It said the problem stems from a 19 per cent rise in the number of children aged under five recorded in the county between 2001 and 2011, combined with a large number of people moving into Northampton.

The 10 expansion projects which were approved by the council this week will cost a combined total of £22 million.

All of the extensions are due to be completed by September 2014, apart from the expansion of Abington Vale Primary School, which will actually be housed in an office block in Cliftonville, which has an expected completion date of this September

Other expansion plans were also approved by the council in 2011 and 2012.

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Top chef returns to London

A Michelin-starred chef, who co-owns a Northamptonshire pub which featured in the 2012 Good Food Guide, has revealed he is selling his 50 per cent share and returning to London.

Adam Gray became the coowner of The Red Lion, in East Haddon, in 2010 and set up the Shires Cookery School on the same site in 2011 with his business partner, Nick Bonner.

But Mr Gray has now announced he has left the business for "personal reasons" to focus on spending more "quality time" with his family.

He said: "After co-owning The Red Lion for over two years, it is a great shame that I have had to leave and return to London.

"The Red Lion has become a great success in Northamptonshire over the past two vears, being awarded a Michelin Bib Gourmand, fantastic entries in The Good Food Guide, featuring in the Relish Midlands Cookbook and being continually praised by its loval customers.

"I will still continue to be involved and raise money for the Northamptonshire-based Hope Enterprise and Macmillan Cancer Support charities. as I truly believe in all the outstanding work they do.

Mr Gray has been made an ambassador of Northamptonshire in recognition of the commitment he has shown to training and development of catering and hospitality students in the county.



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Top authors and celebrities at festival

The Althorp Literary Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an array of top authors and celebrities visiting the Northamptonshire house.

Writers announced so far for the event – which will run from June 13 to 15 – include former Monty Python star and travel writer, Michael Palin, comedian Sandi Toksvig and former politician, Ann Widdecombe.

A spokesman for the Althorp estate said: "The authors participating this year comprise the most exciting line-up the festival has ever had the privilege of hosting."

The first Althorp Literary Festival included guest speakers such as acclaimed novelist, Sebastian Faulks.

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Other writers who will be at this year's festival include Liberal Democrat former party leader, Paddy Ashdown, novelist Wilbur Smith, who has sold more than 120 mil-lion books worldwide, Alexander McCall Smith, who is the creator of the The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, and historical novelist Antonia Fraser.

Television presenter Andrew Marr has also been announced as one of the authors who will be at the festival, but following his stroke ear-lier this month, it is not yet known whether he will be at

For more details on the literary festival visit www. althorp.com

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Authors who have so far been confirmed for this year's Althorp Literary Festival are:

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Madness to play cricket conce

Legendary ska band Madness will play at Northamptonshire's county cricket ground this summer as part of their UK tour.

The band, whose hits include Baggy Trousers, House Of Fun and Driving In My Car, will play at the venue in September. Bosses at Northamptonshire County Cricket Club revealed they hope Madness will be the second gig of the year, with talks also under way to bring another big name to the ground in June.

The gig follows last year's show by Elton John, which chief executive, David Smith, said was a "significant financial

benefit" to the club.

He said: "We're all delighted that Madness will be coming to Northampton, we hope it's going to be a fantastic night.

"Having live music at the venue is a key part of our five- year plan which involves looking at generating more than just cricket-based revenue.

"Bringing Elton John to the venue had a significant financial benefit to the club.

Madness will play on Sunday, September 22, but another household name could potentially take to the stage in

Mr Smith said negotiations were ongoing, but it could hold two shows a year in the coming years.

Each one could attract as many as 15,000 fans to the ground in Wantage Road.

Mr Smith said: "Tickets are on sale now for Madness and we've already had a lot of interest from people."

Madness, who are fronted by Graham 'Suggs' McPherson, played on the roof of Buckingham Palace last summer as part of the Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations.

They released their latest album, Oui oui Si si ja ja da da in October.

Suggs was in Northampton in 2011 to officially open a day care centre for adults with learning disabilities.

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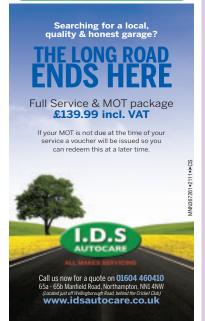
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SAINTS star Calum Clark will undergo surgery on a shoulder injury this week, throwing his participation in England's Six Nations campaign into doubt

The flanker suffered the injury during the first half of Northampton's 27-20 Heineken Cup defeat at Glasgow on Saturday, being withdrawn after 37 minutes.

He left the ground with his arm in a sling and it has been confirmed he has damaged his AC joint.

It means he will now need an operation and will be in rehab at the club for the foreseeable future.

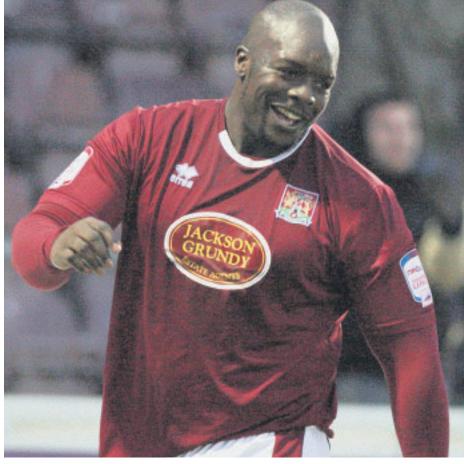
Clark had been named in England's

32-man EPS squad for the Six Nations, which starts on February 2, but Worcester's Matt Kvesic has been called up as cover.

The Saints man tweeted about the injury on Tuesday afternoon, saying: "My shoulder needs an operation so I will be out of action for the foreseeable future. That's the game."

England boss Stuart Lancaster said: "It is a shame for Calum as he had worked hard to get back into the senior squad.

"But these things happen and our medics will work closely with Northampton on his rehab."



ALL CHANGE? - Adebayo Akinfenwa has been linked with a move away from Sixfields

Bayo could be on move

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA has sparked speculation about his immediate future at the Cobblers after hinting he may be about to leave

Northampton's leading goalscorer made it 15 goals for the season on Saturday as Burton Albion became the 10th side to taste league defeat at Sixfields during the current campaign.

the club.

The striker has scored 65 times in Town colours, over two spells, but is only under contract until the end of the season.

That situation could alert a number of clubs to the availability of a player who is a consistent goalscorer in league two and who could potentially be purchased at a knock-down price.

"Some things happen because they are meant to and not because you want them to," said Akinfenwa, when asked about his future.

"I haven't got a crystal ball and everybody knows I have got so much love for this place.

"This is my second home away from my home in London, but as I said, some things do happen because they are meant to. That's how it is"

Akinfenwa has been strongly linked during this transfer window with a move to a fellow npower League Two club, who it is understood also tried to recruit the player in the week of November that the loan deadline ran out.

The striker was not initially in manager Aidy Boothroyd's plans at the start of the season, and was an unused substitute for the first game of the campaign at Rochdale but gradually forced his way into the side and has been a regular since the autumn.

In August, two clubs from league one - both based to the south of Northampton - made approaches for the striker but he remained at Sixfields.

Such transfer interest was not the first the club had received for Akinfenwa during this, his second spell in their employment, as Crawley Town lodged a six-figure bid for the player during the January transfer window of

